

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 27, 2005 has been received and reviewed. The application is to be amended as previously set forth. No new matter has been entered. Claims 5-7, 10-15, 21, 22, and 24-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 8, 9, and 16-20 were previously cancelled. Claims 10-15, 21, 22, 24, and 28-35 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

1. Claims 10-15, 21, 22, 24, and 28-35 Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,261,554

Claims 10-15, 21, 22, 24, and 28-35 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,261,554. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence to the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Enclosed is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

The documents establishing the priority of the present application may be found in the file for US Patent 6,261,554. If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' agent at the address or telephone number given herein.

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